

The Top 50 Highly Cited Special Olympics Publications Based on Total Citations Between 1978 and 4 March 2022

Publication	Subject area	TC	ACPY
Dykens, E.M.; Cohen, D.J. Effects of Special Olympics International on social competence in persons with mental retardation. <i>Journal of the American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry</i> 1996 , <i>35</i> , 223-229.	Psycho-social health	71	2.73
Weiss, J.; Diamond, T.; Demark, J.; Lovald, B. Involvement in Special Olympics and its relations to self-concept and actual competency in participants with developmental disabilities. <i>Research in Developmental Disability</i> 2003 , <i>24</i> , 281-305.	Psycho-social health	69	3.63
Özer, D.; Baran, F.; Aktop, A.; Nalbant, S.; Ağlamış, E.; Hutzler, Y. Effects of a Special Olympics Unified Sports soccer program on psycho-social attributes of youth with and without intellectual disability. <i>Research in Developmental Disability</i> 2012 , <i>33</i> , 229-239.	Psycho-social health	65	6.50
Pezzementi, M.L.; Fisher, M.A. Oral health status of people with intellectual disabilities in the southeastern United States. <i>The Journal of the American Dental Association</i> 2005 , <i>136</i> , 903-912.	Oral health	65	3.82
Dykens, E.M.; Rosner, B.A.; Butterbaugh, G. Exercise and sports in children and adolescents with developmental disabilities: positive physical and psychosocial effects. <i>Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Clinics of North America</i> 1998 , <i>7</i> , 757-771.	Physical and psychosocial health	65	2.71
McConkey, R.; Dowling, S.; Hassan, D.; Menke, S. Promoting social inclusion through unified sports for youth with intellectual disabilities: a five-nation study. <i>Journal of Intellectual Disability Research</i> 2013 , <i>57</i> , 923-935.	Social inclusion	60	6.67
Farrell, R.J.; Crocker, P.R.; McDonough, M.H.; Sedgwick, W.A. The driving force: motivation in Special Olympians. <i>Adapted Physical Activity Quarterly</i> 2004 , <i>21</i> , 153-166.	Psycho-social health	52	2.89
Feldman, C.A.; Giniger, M.; Sanders, M.; Saporito, R.; Zohn, H.K.; Perlman, S.P. Special Olympics, special smiles: Assessing the feasibility of epidemiologic data collection. <i>The Journal of the American Dental Association</i> 1997 , <i>128</i> , 1687-1696.	Oral health	52	2.08
Harada, C.M.; Siperstein, G.N. The sport experience of athletes with intellectual disabilities: A national survey of Special Olympics athletes and their families. <i>Adapted Physical Activity Quarterly</i> 2009 , <i>26</i> , 68-85.	Motives for participating in Special Olympics	49	3.77
Harris, N.; Rosenberg, A.; Jangda, S.; O'Brien, K.; Gallagher, M.L. Prevalence of obesity in International Special Olympic athletes as determined by body mass index. <i>Journal of the American Dietetic Association</i> 2003 , <i>103</i> , 235-237.	BMI & Risk of obesity	48	2.53
Khoo, S.; Engelhorn, R. Volunteer motivations at a national Special Olympics event. <i>Adapted Physical Activity Quarterly</i> 2011 , <i>28</i> , 27-39.	Retaining volunteers/volunteer motivation	44	4.00
Gibbons, S.L.; Byshakra, F.B. Effects of Special Olympics participation on the perceived competence and social acceptance of mentally retarded children. <i>Adapted Physical Activity Quarterly</i> 1989 , <i>6</i> , 40-51.	Psychosocial health	44	1.33

Castagno, K.S. Special Olympics unified sports: Changes in male athletes during a basketball season. <i>Adapted Physical Activity Quarterly</i> 2001 , <i>18</i> , 193-206.	Psycho-social health	41	1.95
Reid, B.C.; Chenette, R.; Macek, M.D. Prevalence and predictors of untreated caries and oral pain among Special Olympic athletes. <i>Special Care in Dentistry</i> 2003 , <i>23</i> , 139-142.	Oral health	40	2.11
Riggen, K.; Ulrich, D. The effects of sport participation on individuals with mental retardation. <i>Adapted Physical Activity Quarterly</i> 1993 , <i>10</i> , 42-51.	Psycho-social health	40	1.38
Wu, Y.D.; Li, C.X.; Khoo, S. Predicting Future Volunteering Intentions Through a Self-determination Theory Perspective. <i>Voluntas</i> 2016 , <i>27</i> , 1266-1279, doi:10.1007/s11266-015-9570-6.	Retaining volunteers/volunteer motivation	39	6.50
Turner, S.; Sweeney, M.; Kennedy, C.; Macpherson, L. The oral health of people with intellectual disability participating in the UK Special Olympics. <i>Journal of Intellectual Disability Research</i> 2008 , <i>52</i> , 29-36.	Oral health	38	2.71
Pitetti, K.H.; Jackson, J.A.; Stubbs, N.B.; Campbell, K.D.; Battar, S.S. Fitness levels of adult Special Olympic participants. <i>Adapted Physical Activity Quarterly</i> 1989 , <i>6</i> , 354-370.	Physical fitness	38	1.15
Kim, M.; Trail, G.T.; Lim, J.; Kim, Y.K. The role of psychological contract in intention to continue volunteering. <i>Journal of Sport Management</i> 2009 , <i>23</i> , 549-573.	Retaining volunteers/volunteer motivation	37	2.85
Woodhouse, J.M.; Adler, P.; Duignan, A. Vision in athletes with intellectual disabilities: the need for improved eyecare. <i>Journal of Intellectual Disability Research</i> 2004 , <i>48</i> , 736-745.	Eye health	37	2.06
Balic, M.G.; Mateos, E.C.; Blasco, C.G.; Fernhall, B. Physical fitness levels of physically active and sedentary adults with Down syndrome. <i>Adapted Physical Activity Quarterly</i> 2000 , <i>17</i> , 310-321.	Physical fitness	36	1.64
Harada, C.M.; Siperstein, G.N.; Parker, R.C.; Lenox, D. Promoting social inclusion for people with intellectual disabilities through sport: Special Olympics International, global sport initiatives and strategies. In <i>Disability in the global sport arena</i> ; Routledge: 2013; pp. 73-90.	Social inclusion	35	3.18
Cuesta-Vargas, A.I.; Paz-Lourido, B.; Rodriguez, A. Physical fitness profile in adults with intellectual disabilities: differences between levels of sport practice. <i>Research in Developmental Disabilities</i> 2011 , <i>32</i> , 788-794.	Physical fitness	34	3.09
Hild, U.; Hey, C.; Baumann, U.; Montgomery, J.; Euler, H.; Neumann, K. High prevalence of hearing disorders at the Special Olympics indicate need to screen persons with intellectual disability. <i>Journal of Intellectual Disability Research</i> 2008 , <i>52</i> , 520-528.	Hearing health	33	2.36
Lloyd, M.; Temple, V.A.; Foley, J.T. International BMI comparison of children and youth with intellectual disabilities participating in Special Olympics. <i>Research in Developmental Disabilities</i> 2012 , <i>33</i> , 1708-1714.	BMI & risk of obesity	32	3.20
Temple, V.; Foley, J.; Lloyd, M. Body mass index of adults with intellectual disability participating in Special Olympics by world region. <i>Journal of Intellectual Disability Research</i> 2014 , <i>58</i> , 277-284.	BMI & Risk of obesity	31	3.88

Nasuti, G.; Stuart-Hill, L.; Temple, V.A. The six-minute walk test for adults with intellectual disability: A study of validity and reliability. <i>Journal of Intellectual and Developmental Disability</i> 2013 , <i>38</i> , 31-38.	Physical fitness	31	3.44
Dellavia, C.; Pallavera, A.; Orlando, F.; Sforza, C. Postural stability of athletes in Special Olympics. <i>Perceptual and Motor Skills</i> 2009 , <i>108</i> , 608-622.	Spine health	31	2.38
Klein, T.; Gilman, E.; Zigler, E. Special Olympics: An evaluation by professionals and parents. <i>Mental Retardation</i> 1993 , <i>31</i> , 15-23.	Attitudes towards intellectual disability	30	1.03
Burns, M.; Storey, K.; Certo, N.J. Effect of service learning on attitudes towards students with severe disabilities. <i>Education and Training in Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities</i> 1999 , 58-65.	Attitudes towards intellectual disability	29	1.26
Gençöz, F. The effects of basketball training on the maladaptive behaviors of trainable mentally retarded children. <i>Research in Developmental Disabilities</i> 1997 , <i>18</i> , 1-10.	Improved behavior	28	1.12
Ward, L.M.; Cooper, S.A.; Hughes-McCormack, L.; Macpherson, L.; Kinnear, D. Oral health of adults with intellectual disabilities: a systematic review. <i>Journal of Intellectual Disability Research</i> 2019 , <i>63</i> , 1359-1378, doi:10.1111/jir.12632.	Oral health	27	9.00
Shapiro, D.R. Participation motives of Special Olympics athletes. <i>Adapted Physical Activity Quarterly</i> 2003 , <i>20</i> , 150-165.	Psychosocial health	27	1.42
Tint, A.; Thomson, K.; Weiss, J.A. A systematic literature review of the physical and psychosocial correlates of Special Olympics participation among individuals with intellectual disability. <i>Journal of Intellectual Disability Research</i> 2017 , <i>61</i> , 301-324, doi:10.1111/jir.12295.	Physical and psychosocial health	26	5.20
Hsieh, K.; Hilgenkamp, T.I.; Murthy, S.; Heller, T.; Rimmer, J.H. Low levels of physical activity and sedentary behavior in adults with intellectual disabilities. <i>International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health</i> 2017 , <i>14</i> , 1503.	Physical activity and sedentary behaviour	26	5.20
Foley, J.T.; Lloyd, M.; Vogl, D.; Temple, V.A. Obesity trends of 8–18 year old Special Olympians: 2005–2010. <i>Research in Developmental Disabilities</i> 2014 , <i>35</i> , 705-710.	BMI & Risk of obesity	26	3.25
Dellavia, C.; Allievi, C.; Pallavera, A.; Rosati, R.; Sforza, C. Oral health conditions in Italian Special Olympics athletes. <i>Special Care in Dentistry</i> 2009 , <i>29</i> , 69-74.	Oral health	25	1.92
Storey, K. The more things change, the more they are the same: Continuing concerns with the Special Olympics. <i>Research and Practice for Persons with Severe Disabilities</i> 2008 , <i>33</i> , 134-142.	Pros and cons of Special Olympics	25	1.79
Roper, P. Changing perceptions through contact. <i>Disability, Handicap & Society</i> 1990 , <i>5</i> , 243-255.	Attitudes towards intellectual disability	25	0.78
Cuesta-Vargas, A.; Hilgenkamp, T. Reference values of grip strength measured with a Jamar dynamometer in 1526 adults with intellectual disabilities and compared to adults without intellectual disability. <i>PLoS One</i> 2015 , <i>10</i> , e0129585.	Physical fitness	24	3.43

Baran, F.; Aktop, A.; Özer, D.; Nalbant, S.; Ağlamış, E.; Barak, S.; Hutzler, Y. The effects of a Special Olympics Unified Sports Soccer training program on anthropometry, physical fitness and skilled performance in Special Olympics soccer athletes and non-disabled partners. <i>Research in Developmental Disabilities</i> 2013 , <i>34</i> , 695-709.	Physical fitness	23	2.56
Storey, K. The case against the Special Olympics. <i>Journal of Disability Policy Studies</i> 2004 , <i>15</i> , 35-42.	Pros and cons of Special Olympics	23	1.28
Woodhouse, J.M.; Adler, P.M.; Duignan, A. Ocular and visual defects amongst people with intellectual disabilities participating in Special Olympics. <i>Ophthalmic and Physiological Optics</i> 2003 , <i>23</i> , 221-232.	Eye health	23	1.21
Fernandez, J.B.; Lim, L.J.; Dougherty, N.; LaSasso, J.; Atar, M.; Daronch, M. Oral health findings in athletes with intellectual disabilities at the NYC Special Olympics. <i>Special Care in Dentistry</i> 2012 , <i>32</i> , 205-209.	Oral health	22	2.20
Bissar, A.R.; Kaschke, I.; Schulte, A.G. Oral health in 12-to 17-year-old athletes participating in the German Special Olympics. <i>International Journal of Paediatric Dentistry</i> 2010 , <i>20</i> , 451-457.	Oral health	22	1.83
Neumann, K.; Dettmer, G.; Euler, H.A.; Giebel, A.; Gross, M.; Herer, G.; Hoth, S.; Lattermann, C.; Montgomery, J. Auditory status of persons with intellectual disability at the German Special Olympic Games. <i>International Journal of Audiology</i> 2006 , <i>45</i> , 83-90.	Hearing health	22	1.38
Platt, L.S. Medical and orthopaedic conditions in Special Olympics athletes. <i>Journal of Athletic Training</i> 2001 , <i>36</i> , 74-80.	General health of people with intellectual disability	22	1.05
Block, S.S.; Beckerman, S.A.; Berman, P.E. Vision profile of the athletes of the 1995 Special Olympics World Summer Games. <i>Journal of the American Optometric Association</i> 1997 , <i>68</i> , 699-708.	Eye health	22	0.88
McNamara, P.; Pazzaglia, F.; Sonpar, K. Large-scale events as catalysts for creating mutual dependence between social ventures and resource providers. <i>Journal of Management</i> 2018 , <i>44</i> , 470-500.	Resource mobilization	21	5.25
Goodwin, D.L.; Fitzpatrick, D.A.; Thurmeier, R.; Hall, C. The decision to join Special Olympics: Parents' perspectives. <i>Adapted Physical Activity Quarterly</i> 2006 , <i>23</i> .	Motives for participating in Special Olympics	21	1.31

TC: Total citations; ACPY: Average citations per year.